

FFY 2015 FTA SECTION 5307/5339 NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

The purpose of this notice is to announce the availability of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant funding financial assistance for Federal Fiscal Year 2015 apportionment administered by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT).

ADOT's Multimodal Planning Division (MPD) administers the Urbanized Area Formula Funding program (49 U.S.C. 5307) which makes Federal resources available to urbanized areas and to states for transit capital and operating assistance in urbanized areas (UZAs) and for transportation related planning. ADOT MPD also administers the Bus and Bus Facilities program (49 U.S.C. 5339) to provide capital funding to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities. From both funding sources, a competitive funding pool is now available.

Program Overview

FTA Section 5307 unobligated funding, that which was apportioned to urbanized areas without existing transit systems, is available through ADOT's competitive pool process to fund operating and capital project(s).

FTA Section 5339, under Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), is apportioned to the state of Arizona. The entirety of this funding is available through the ADOT competitive pool process to fund capital project(s) (e.g., vehicles, facility construction, etc.).

Eligibility for Section 5307 and Section 5339 competitive funding pool is limited to existing small urban designated UZAs, and should be applied for via the Direct Recipient. Limit three (3) project applications per UZA.

Funding Available

Available funding amounts are full year FTA apportionment of FFY 2015 5307 and 5339 *Formula* fund apportionments. For FFY 2015 5307 *Formula* funds, the following UZAs apportionments without operating transit systems and unspent past funds, will be available for this NOFA:

- Lake Havasu City: Approximately \$749,489
- Prescott Valley Prescott: Approximately \$1,146,810
- Casa Grande: Approximately \$805,620

For FFY 2015 5339 **Formula** funds, the entire Arizona (state and UZA) apportionment will be available for this NOFA.

Approximately \$2,291,131

Further details about the Section 5307 and Section 5339 grant programs for ADOT's competitive funding pool can be found on the ADOT website: www.azdot.gov/transitprograms

All application materials are to be completed and submitted electronically no later than April 22, 2016 by close of business to: Jaclyn Meli at jmeli@azdot.gov.

Late applications will not be accepted and ADOT does not intend to extend the application submission deadline. If you have questions about the Section 5307 / 5339 competitive funding pool program, please contact the ADOT program manager, Jaclyn Meli, at 602-712-8947 or jmeli@azdot.gov.

Evaluation Criterion:

- o State of Good Repair (20%)
- o Project Readiness (20%)
- o Financial Readiness: (20%)
- o Agency performance measures (20%)
- o Demonstrated good standing with FTA (10%)
- o Stakeholder support/involvement (10%)

Other Important Information:

Those who are awarded FTA funds will:

- Be notified of their FFY 2015 award in May 2016
- Apply for competitive 5307 funds awarded by ADOT through TrAMS in conjunction with application for basic funding allocation (or via amendment if previously applied).
- Enter into contract and become a subrecipient of ADOT for 5339 funds.
- Be required to comply with all Federal program requirements.

We look forward to receiving your application in the upcoming weeks. Thank you for your interest in FTA funding.

Sincerely,

Mike Normand

Transit Group Manager

Arizona Department of Transportation